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The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group  
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the request by LightSquared, based in Reston, Va., to launch its wireless broadband network as soon as is it can be done without significantly disrupting GPS signals.

I am aware of opposition by the GPS industry to LightSquared's request because of interference concerns. However, I believe those concerns are outweighed by the fact that LightSquared is a legitimate business seeking to enter the marketplace to provide services to customers willing to pay for them and, in our economic system, I believe it is wrong for any business or industry to use the federal regulatory process to try to keep competitors out of the marketplace. If that can be done to one business, it can be done to any business. When that happens, all businesses and consumers lose.

LightSquared has worked voluntarily for years to investigate and resolve any interference issues that may exist, and it has repeatedly committed to not enter the commercial marketplace until those issues are resolved. In light of that, any effort to deny its request does not seem to be based on the facts.

In addition, as a Virginian, and as an American, I believe LightSquared should be given every opportunity to compete in the marketplace, create jobs, succeed or fail based on the strengths or weaknesses of its product, and contribute to our economy.

Finally, as you know, reliable Internet access is crucial for businesses to compete in today's economy. It is equally crucial for individuals to be able to have equal access to educational and economic opportunities.

Currently, many people, particularly in remote rural areas and small towns, do not have the same

access as residents of larger and more prosperous areas. Because of this, we need businesses to invest the resources necessary to provide coverage to those who currently lack reliable access. LightSquared, if it is successful, will be able to provide 4G coverage to 260 million Americans nationwide by the year 2015.

I hope the FCC will recognize the importance of private businesses expanding wireless access as much as the marketplace will allow -- and allow LightSquared to continue its efforts to correct any interference issues that exist, and then enter the marketplace.

Sincerely,

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